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1. Rod Kesen (J-78)

a. Troops:

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I engineer battalion, wearing black tabs, pointed pick axe

insignia, from Naumburg.

l battalion, same insignia, from Rudolstadt.

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l battalion, crossed hatchet insignia, from Apolda.

- c. Training: Mine laying and removal; bridge construction, utilizing heavy bridge equipment of the Naumburg battalion and light equipment belonging to the Rudolstadt unit; building of heavy temporary bridges, using military bridge equipment.
- d. Light bridge equipment: 35-mater pontoons, 60-mm beams, flat steel guard rails, one-lane width, 6-8 ton load capacity. Profile not discernible.
- e. Heavy bridge equipment: semi-pontoons, 120-mm stringers and beams, rectangular joints for heavy construction, U-profile, joints similar to those used by the German Army, up to 60-ton load capacity, bridge in several pieces (durchbrochen). No landing stages were observed, only temporary makeshift bridges.

2. Jena-Löbstedt (J-76)

Two redium tank regiments, each with (an unreported number of) T-34 tanks equipped with 85 mm guns, arrived on 29 July.

3. Jene-Zudtzen (J-77)

One regiment of assault troops, with fifty-two SU-85's, arrived on 29 July.

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